

7-13-06

IF 14



AM-101457-1

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No. : 10/574,210 Confirmation No.:

Applicant : Venkata Ramana Rao *et al.*

Filed : March 31, 2006

TC/A.U. :

Examiner :

Customer No. : 38199

Title : PANTOPRAZOLE MULTIPARTICULATE FORMULATIONS

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants submit to the Examiner the attached Form PTO/SB/08A/B document listing and this paper pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56 and § 1.97-1.98. Forms PTO/SB/08A/B are attached and a copy of all the required documents listed is enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the receipt of the first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fees are believed due.

Express Mail No. EQ 782471334 US

REMARKS

Listed below is a previously filed, and co-pending, US Patent application. This application and the present application are commonly owned:

- (1) US Patent Application No. 10/955,567, filed September 30, 2004, now US Patent Publication No. 2005/0129761 A1, published June 16, 2005.

A Spanish-language copy of document R (I.C. RODRÍGUEZ, Sistemas de liberación Bioadhesivos (Bioadhesive Release Systems, Bioadhesive delivery systems), *Ars Pharmaceutica*, 41(1):115-128, 2000), with an English-language translation, is enclosed herewith. This document was relied upon in Observations filed in the Guatemalan counterpart application of co-pending and commonly owned US Patent Application No. 10/955,567. Briefly, Rodríguez provides an overview of bioadhesive release systems, including the use of bioadhesive polymers including hydroxypropyl methylcellulose.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the documents identified in this paper and in the attached Form PTO/SB/08A/B during the course of examination of this application.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in any fees due with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment in any fees to Deposit Account Number 08-3040.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWSON AND HOWSON
Attorneys for Applicant

By 
Cathy A. Kodroff
Registration No. 33,980
501 Office Center Drive
Suite 210
Fort Washington, PA 19034
(215) 540-9200



TRANSMITTAL FORM (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/574,210	
	Filing Date	March 31, 2006	
	First Named Inventor	Venkata Ramana Rao	
	Art Unit		
	Examiner Name		
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	6	Attorney Docket Number	AM-101457-1

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below): - return receipt postcard
Remarks Customer No. 38199 Express Mail No. EQ 782471334 US		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT			
Firm Name	HOWSON AND HOWSON		
Signature			
Printed name	Cathy A. Kodroff		
Date	7-12-2006	Reg. No.	33,980

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:			
Signature			
Typed or printed name		Date	

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



AM-101457-1

PTO/SB/08A (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/30/2006.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT (Use as many sheets as necessary)				Complete if Known	
				Application Number	10/574,210
				Filing Date	March 31, 2006
				First Named Inventor	Venkata Ramana Rao
				Group Art Unit	
Examiner Name					
Sheet	1	of	3	Attorney Docket Number	AM-101457-1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	A	2002/0012676-A1	01-31-2002	Lundberg <i>et al.</i>	
	B	2005/0129761 A1	06-16-2005	Venkata Ramana Rao <i>et al.</i>	
	C	US-5,433,959 A	07-18-1995	Makino <i>et al.</i>	
	D	US-5,731,002 A	03-24-1998	Olovson <i>et al.</i>	
	E	US-5,753,265 A	05-19-1998	Bergstrand <i>et al.</i>	
	F	US-5,997,903 A	12-07-1999	Dietrich <i>et al.</i>	
	G	US-6,013,281 A	01-11-2000	Lundberg <i>et al.</i>	
	H	US-6,132,771 A	10-17-2000	Depui <i>et al.</i>	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
	I	WO 96/01624 A1	01-25-1996	Astra Aktiebolag		
	J	WO 2004/098577 A2	11-18-2004	Altana Pharma AG		

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
--------------------	--	-----------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.



AM-101457-1

PTO/SB/08A (07-05)

Approved for use through 07/30/2006.

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT <i>(Use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				Complete if Known		
				Application Number	10/574,210	
				Filing Date	March 31, 2006	
				First Named Inventor	Venkata Ramana Rao	
				Group Art Unit		
				Examiner Name		
Sheet	2	of	3	Attorney Docket Number		AM-101457-1

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number-Kind Code ² (if known)			
	K	US-6,159,499 A	12-12-2000	Seth <i>et al.</i>	
	L	US-6,328,993 B1	12-11-2001	Linder <i>et al.</i>	
	M	US-6,365,184 B1	04-02-2002	Depui <i>et al.</i>	
	N	US-6,605,303 B1	08-12-2003	Karehill <i>et al.</i>	
	O	US-6,610,323 B1	08-26-2003	Lundberg <i>et al.</i>	
	P	US-6,623,759 B2	09-23-2003	Heese <i>et al.</i>	
	Q	US-6,730,685 B1	05-04-2004	Brulls	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Country Code ³ - Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant. 1 Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). 2 See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. 3 Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). 4 For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. 5 Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST.16 if possible. 6 Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached. This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

